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**REMARKS**

The Examiner required restriction between Group I (claims 1-18, drawn to a method for detecting particles in liquid samples, classified in class 73, subclass 71) and Group II (claims 19-59, drawn to an apparatus to detect the presence of particles in liquid samples, classified in class 73, subclass 61.75). Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-18) for prosecution, without traverse.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees, which may be required in connection herewith or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-1666.

Respectfully submitted,



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